



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 033275-316

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of)
Alexander BEECK, et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/002,141) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: December 5, 2001)
For: COMPONENT OF A FLOW MACHINE,)
WITH INSPECTION APERTURE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is _____.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	10	MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	1	MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					\$280.00
Total Amendment Fee					\$280.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$280.00

[X] A claim fee in the amount of \$ 280.00 is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the verified English translated specification (being filed on even date herewith) with the attached substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the specification is provided to show the changes made from the verified English translated specification, and no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-7 as follows:

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- ✓ 1. (Amended) A component of a flow machine, comprising:
a plurality of cooling channels for passage of a cooling medium;
at least one inspection aperture through which an inspection of the interior of the component is made possible;